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The Military Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, MCCW-USA coordinates ministries to meet the needs of women within the military community.

Count Your Blessings

This is being written as we are preparing to go to Florida to visit Marshall's family. I have just finished reading a book by Philip Gulley – a Quaker minister. These books are so down home good. They make you realize that the place you live is what you make it. The name of the town he lives in is Harmony (no joking). It really fits the way he feels after leaving for a time and then returning home. I think that is the another name for the place where God is. Many of us think that we are in the armpit of the world in our local towns (at least my daughter does) but thinking about it like Philip Gulley does it makes it a whole new place. You start to look for the good in the place and forget about the bad.

I know that is not always possible but try and do this when things get harder with many of our husband's away and us being so far from our home. We can go to our new home at the chapel and feel warm and fuzzy all over again. Our husbands have enough to worry about – they do not need to worry about us too.

I have really enjoyed doing this month's newsletter. The articles have been really interesting and engaging. Read it and keep it to read again. We have a new writer for 29 Palms and we welcome her. Especially us in Oklahoma since her email address is gooklahomagoou. When I first saw this I wondered where they had come up with this but then when I was telling Alyssa it came to me. She or her husband is an OU fan. While Alyssa is an OSU fan it is nice to find another kindred spirit.

Take the rest of this lent to ready yourself for the coming Death and Resurrection of our Lord.

May God always hold you in the palm of His Hand.

Your sister in Christ, *Laine Madole*

President's Place

I have just finished a book, *Living a Life that Matters* by Harold S. Kushner, in the past week. I like the rabbi's books-they always speak to me about some part of my life needing a better perspective. The Boston Globe writes of this book, "... a set of guideposts for living...no matter what the future holds." I think the book's message could

not come at a better time.

The rabbi believes people function in two worlds; work and faith. We work hard to provide for ourselves and others and to show others our accomplishments. We want to win; we want to be successful. The world of faith can be likened to a vacation; where heroes are compassionate not competitive. We are more likely to be winners in this world.

What happens when what we want is in conflict with how we see ourselves as good? Kushner writes, "Much of our lives will be devoted to closing that gap between the longings of our soul and the scolding of our conscience." We take strength from those around us who seem to have reconciled themselves to this dilemma and have come to terms with it. The

story of Jacob in the Old Testament struggling with the angel is our story-we all struggle with our conscience. In the end Jacob will win by losing. He will ask for God's help; he will pray for the strength to do the right thing.

We need others and they need us. (This is not easy for me to write-the mother of 4 soon to be 5 teenagers!). While we need to feel love and appreciation, we need to give love to others. Feelings of insignificance can be overcome by simply finding someone who needs our help and reaching out to that person. "To know that we matter to God makes alot of our doubts and fears disappear. We only have to share ourselves...with others." By loving



someone else we make our own life important. Then we have made a difference.

In this time of uncertainty, please know that you are loved. God will help us to do the right thing if we but listen and hear His voice. God Bless all of you. *Alice*

-- Veep's Peeps --

Dear Ladies, By the time you read this, we will be way into Lent, a time of penance and sacrifice for some, but not just that. It is a time to look deep into ourselves and find ways to become closer to God. We will soon be renewing our baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil while those in our RCIA programs make their baptismal vows and receive the sacrament of baptism. Lent is the time when our RCIA students make their final preparation to make these vows. In RCIA, we teach that the Catholic Church is a community, a family. That is why we share in the sacraments and renew our vows while they make theirs for the first time. Now is the time for us to show them what being a part of the catholic community is all about. Let's take a few minutes to get to know these folks. Ask if there is anything we can do for them. Personally invite them to attend church activities with us. Welcome them into our family and show them by our actions how to be a good Catholic Christian. May all of you be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

On another note, thank you so much to all of you who kept my uncle and me in your prayers. I felt the peace that only God can give on my way out there, while I was in California, on my way back, and since I've been back. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul.

--Secretary's Sentiments --

April is here already! We are in the middle of Lent and looking forward to Easter. There are many ways to approach this Holy season. Some people give up something to help them feel the struggle of temptation. In our little family we focus on living Christ "like" lives. Each day we must go the extra mile and do something for another person. For the little ones we have charts and incentives. I remember how much I loved filling a little box with coins to take to church for a charity. These are the memories and values I want to pass on.

More than all the Lenten and Easter activities I enjoy focusing on quiet prayer time. We found a video of the Joyous Rosary for the kids and they love it. Our local church has a Mary that can visit your home and we invited Mary into our home. As I set Mary up and placed candles and flowers around her my children gathered close to see. Madeleine became excited when she noticed that this Mary had brown eyes just like her own. Maddy said, "now I really can grow up to be like Mary!" Children see things so simply, but I hope that Madeleine's desire to live like Mary will never fade away.

May we all take the time to pray, to rejoice, to be silent, and to be followers of Mary and Jesus. May God give us

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strength during these uncertain times. May our childlike desire to love and worship God drive us to our knees.

Ladies, I hope you are all doing well. Keep in mind that your area conferences are getting closer. Let us remember our prayer partners. If you have any changes of address or phone number let me know.

Your Sister in Christ, Kelleen Walusz

-- Blast from the Past --

A Progress Report on MCCW: Journey of Faith

MCCW: Journey of Faith, our new travel-training program was developed in 2002 and presented at the National Training Conference in Dallas. So, how's it going?

Here's how. . . our very first visit was to Langley AFB in early March. There we visited with about 20 ladies from Langley and Ft. Eustis. Here's some of the feedback we received:

"Very wonderful day to spend time with this program."

"Wonderful new ideas to bring forward on how to have a good program."

"I am so glad I've attended this MCCW; Journey of Faith training; thank you."

"Unique program ideas!"

"Bible study information was wonderful. I am leaving with great ideas for our group; thank you so much!"

The next stop on our journey is Ft. Irwin in mid-March, with Ft. Lewis and Ft. Gordon on the horizon.

How can you arrange to have MCCW: Journey of Faith come to your chapel? Easy! Just download the information sheet and request form from our website. Then speak to your priest about it, and contact me! We'll arrange a date that is convenient for your group. We provide trainers and materials. You provide lodging for trainers and meeting facilities, as well as request a designated offering from your Catholic community for MCCW-USA.

MCCW: Journey of Faith is very worthwhile, whether your group is just getting started, or already established and looking to increase its role in supporting, educating and empowering the Catholic women of your chapel community in faith, service and leadership. Join us in the Journey!

-- Archbishop O'Brien Addresses Current Threat of Iraqi Invasion --

Archbishop O'Brien, Archdiocese for Military Services has addressed a letter to military chaplains regarding the United States' potential action in Iraq. His comments, dated February 3, 2003 are available by going to the Archdiocese' website (www.milarch.org) and clicking on "Pastoral Resources", then "Archbishop O'Brien", then "Archbishop's Letter to Priests."

-- Bishop's Bytes --

JESUS' CROSS AND MY CROSS

In the gospel, we see people whose lives were impacted after receiving a special favor from Jesus; they wanted to follow him. One of them was a Pharisee, the other was a rich young man (Mt 8, 18; Lc 9, 57). Some others did leave everything and followed him: Peter, Andrew, James and John, "And at once they left their nets and followed him" (Mt 4, 20.22) - even "...their father..." Matthew (Mt 8,9) did the same and so did Mary of Magdala. They left not only their material goods, but also their bad habits and standards of thinking.

Jesus stated very clearly the conditions of following Him: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mk 8, 34).

But Jesus himself was afraid of the cross. He panicked and was troubled at the very idea of his future passion and cross (Jn 12, 27). The thought of the cross haunted him like a phantom. He reflected: "What shall I say: Father save me from this hour? But it is for this very reason that I have come to this hour" (Jn 12, 27-28).

Love is the only answer to why we accept the cross. Jesus said: "No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15, 13). And He did. But if we are his disciples, we must also walk in his footsteps and do what he did: "This is the proof of love, that he laid down his life for us, and we too ought to lay down our lives for our brothers" (1 Jn 3, 16).

Everyone in this world has his own cross. It is part of the human experience to live in the midst of our own and others' limitations and differences.

Some crosses come to us as the normal lot of our own vocation, or the role we must play in life. It is inclusive of our calling. I could say that those crosses are part of what we call "God's will" because we came to this world for that. Jesus explained the reason why he had to accept the cross: "But it is for this very reason that I have come to this hour" (Jn 12, 27). He came to this world to be a Redeemer and that calling entailed an unavoidable cross. He knew that was his Father's will: "...let your will be done, not mine" (Lk 22, 43). We must be ready to accept those crosses and carry them as good Disciples of Christ. The crosses that are part of our vocation help us to merit special recognition and reward. They become means of sanctification and a source of merit for everlasting life. A very nice person, a good friend of mine, sent me an Email saying, "I discovered that my life has a new direction. I was told that my sufferings, offered to God with love, may merit graces for people who are in purgatory. I did not know that. From this moment forward I will be a shuttle carrying people from purgatory to heaven."

We must be very careful not to become a cross to others. We could do this by imposing our authority, ignoring the rights of those near us, being disrespectful of the feelings

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of other persons or neglecting to render kindness, a smile and affection to those God has put close to us.

Our crosses, joined to the Cross of Christ, constitute our riches in the eyes of God. *Bishop + Joseph J. Madera, M.Sp.S.*

-- Area Coordinators' Cranny --

Sheila Baker – Northeast Area Coordinator: We were privileged to have the first ever "Journey of Faith" training in our Area. It was held at Langley AFB, Virginia with ladies from Ft. Eustis and Langley attending. Unfortunately, the ladies from the Navy installations did not attend. Carol Fountain, the immediate past President, and Eleanor Gentilini, from Ft. Carson, Colorado, were the facilitators for the event. Thirteen ladies gathered at 9am for a continental breakfast followed by the first session of the day. We "Navigated" the route for our Journey and planned "Food" for the Journey. After this section we were treated to a luncheon of minestrone and potato soup, ham and cheese sandwiches and two kinds of cake for dessert. Fortunately, this was held before Lent began! After luncheon, we returned to our classroom to "Celebrate" the Journey and finally, to "Share" the Journey. We closed our day with prayer and hugs all around. The consensus of those who attended was that we are ready to assist our Chapel groups to grow in all ways. We received so much valuable information that will be a great help in planning our programs for the years ahead! We sincerely thank Carol and Eleanor for their efforts on our behalf and we ask God's blessings on them as they go forth "two by two" to help other Chapel groups in the future. If your group would like to host a training session and learn to "Navigate, Plan Food, Celebrate and Share" please contact Carol Fountain. (See the Board address list at the back of the Grapevine!)

The 2nd Call to Conference will be reaching the Chapel Presidents by the end of April. We hope that each Chapel group has been talking about our NE Area Conference to be held at St. Joseph-in-the-Hills, Malvern, PA from October 13-16. If you haven't made arrangements for funds, NOW IS THE TIME!! Our theme, "Road to Holiness", will enable us to open our minds and hearts to God. The surroundings are so beautiful that God seems that much closer. The fellowship and sharing with one another will rejuvenate us and the fun and food enable us to delight in God's gifts! Please plan now to attend. May God bless and keep you faithful during Lent and bring you to the joys of the Resurrection at Easter! Sheila Baker, Northeast Area Coordinator

Laine Madole – Central Area Coordinator: I am getting ready (slowly at best) to leave for Florida and I realized that I had not gotten the call to conference out as I stated I would. It will be my first priority when I return from Florida. We are going to have a great conference this year. Our Moderator, Father Bomba of Ft. Hood is our featured speaker. We have another speaker and also

Cindy Patishnock. We will have training for any that want to join the Journey of Faith trainers. We will once again be at the "Snows" in Belleville, IL. We are trying to work in a trolley to take us on a journey of the Stations of the Cross. We will be having special decorations since it is held from Oct 30-Nov 2. Put it on your calendars and you will be getting more info soon. Try and get some new members to come and join us and get refreshed and rejuvenated. They will not regret coming.

We have gotten a new priest here at Tinker and he is just wonderful. He just became an American citizen in August and joined the military in November. We got a great Christmas present when he showed up on our doorstep 21 Dec. He is so understanding – just listening and see where the help is needed. At council he told us it was not bad to argue – it just that we love something that much. How right he is. I had never really thought about it that way. We love our parish and want what is right and we have to allow for the different opinions and personalities and understand why they feel the way they do.

Ash Wednesday this year meant more to me than most. To see our chapel busting at the seams and finding out the noon Mass was standing room only was a great thing to see. I do not know if people are coming because of the conflicts going on or because they want to prepare more for the Resurrection of Our Lord but if we can get them in the doors maybe we can help them on whatever journey they are on. It seems that when the chapel is full the choir even sings better than normal. I know that I am in the choir but we seem to put more into it and last night was the best ever. We only had 10 but sounded like a full choir.

Well, enough. What I want all to know is that this is the season for reconciliation and for mending ways and broken relationships. Try your hardest and you will be rewarded.

Brenda Wile – Western Area Coordinator: As I sit here with those soft, fluffy, white flakes falling, I dream of Springtime! Of green grass and fragrant flowers – like those I saw on my trip to California in February. In Colorado all we have is brown and more brown under the snow. It seems like we should have enough moisture to make up for the drought, but we are still below the average. Please pray for the end of the drought not only here but in all over the world.

I was able to make a conference planning trip to the LA area in February. On Saturday afternoon I met with Virginia Marsh at the LA AFB chapel community located at the Ft MacArthur housing area in San Pedro. I attended Mass and was able to meet more of their ladies. Sunday morning had us (David, my husband and driver) heading out to 29 Palms. What a welcome I had from Lita and Kelleen, two great ladies!!!! After attending Mass, I had the opportunity to meet and greet the rest of the ladies as we shared donuts. A group of us went to the 29 Palms

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Inn for brunch and a chance to get to know each other better. Monday morning found us on the road again. I met with Sister Mary Jesus at the Poverello of Assisi Retreat Center in San Fernando. A lovely place, but it didn't meet all of our needs. Sister suggested that I visit the Serra Retreat Center in Malibu. Tuesday morning we took a side trip as we headed for the airport and went to Malibu. I felt such peace as I entered the main building at the retreat center, that I knew I had found the location for the area conference. They are booked for every weekend until 2005! I made the decision to book our conference for Monday through Thursday, 13-16 October. Call to Conference flyers have been sent. If you did not get one please contact me immediately at 719-556-4443 or DSN 834-4443.

We have some welcomes for new chapel affiliates - Ft Irwin, California, Ft Lewis, Washington, Ft Richardson, Alaska and AMR chapel in Hawaii. David thinks that we (he would be my driver again!) should make a visit the AMR chapel ladies. We are thrilled that they wanted to be a part of MCCW and hope that some of them will be able to attend the conference in October. Please keep praying that the western area continues growing. We want to get those west coast installations involved. Also, a group of ladies from Seoul Korea have been in touch. Since they do not have an area to belong to, western has sorta adopted them. As each area continues to work on their fall conferences, please keep all of the area board members in your prayers. God has blessed our area so much this year that I am humbled by this grace and mercy. He takes care of us in unbounded ways. *As always – may God continue to bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand. Brenda*

April Williams – Southeast Area Coordinator: Greetings from the Southeast area, I pray everyone has had a good Lenten season so far. I love our faith; it's so complete. Because our faith is universal, we have church members from different parts of the world all celebrating the mass together everyday. I personally embrace our differences, but that's my personality type. But we all have seen or heard of people complaining about one another. One phrase keeps popping into my thoughts as I'm writing this – "What would Jesus do?" I truly try to imagine what would Jesus do? Would He embrace their differences and express his Father's love for them? Would He be their friend and use each available moment to gently teach them truths about what God desires from us? I used the word "desire" instead of "demand" because God gave us the gift of freewill and so He desires our love and faithfulness. His mercy is reason alone for me to desire to know what His will is for me. The prayer that Jesus taught the disciples to pray states "Our Father, Who art in heaven hallowed be thy name Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done...Amen" Jesus told us that we should allow God's will be done in our life. We must seek His will for our life. Because He is so merciful, he loves us inspite of our desire to love him back. My point

is that we should embrace our difficult members and love them the way that God loves us. Remember to pray for difficult people and then wait for God to soften your heart and theirs.

Wow! Our conference is coming October 23-26, 2003. It will be held in a quite little retreat area called Rockfish Retreat center at their Bergland Adult retreat area. It's located near Fort Bragg, NC in the town of Parkton, NC. We have selected as our theme "Companions on the Journey" we will focus on sisterhood, developing friendships and serving God and one another. We still need some ideas for a main speaker, if anyone can think of someone for us to contact please email me with that info. Also, please keep our area in your prayer many of our soldiers have left for the Middle East and other mission which take them away from their families. God's peace be with you all April C. Williams

-- Chapel Chatter --

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Langley AFB, VA- Due to a misunderstanding as to the location of our meeting, our speakers from Catholic Charities ended up at our Langley Annex instead of the Bethel location. We still had the "Baby Jesus shower" with all the donated gifts from our parishioners and our ladies. Sheila Baker will deliver them to their office this week. It was somewhat disappointing, but we used the time wisely by discussing all the business we will be attending to in the next few months! We also distributed Baby Bottles to fill with our change for the "Your Change Can Change A Life" program for the Peninsula Crisis Pregnancy Center, which we all decided would be a good way to give alms during Lent. The bottles will be collected next month and also in May. March 21st, we will be doing Soup and Stations of the Cross for our parish, with "Mary's Way of the Cross" should we not have a priest too preside that evening. Lenten Day of Recollection is coming up on March 29th, with our own Fr. James Barlow guiding us into, "Prayer-The Way to Peace" which I am certainly looking forward to! Come one come all! A number of celebrations-Easter Vigil, First Communion and Confirmation all on the agenda. After the meeting we had some scrumptious snacks as our last hoorah before Lent officially begins and some time to socialize which is always an added bonus-especially for those of us who need to get out of the house! We did have to bid a sad farewell to one of our long-time members who will be leaving us next month to move to California to be closer to family-Rogie (Elsie) Pruitt. Rogie, we thank you so much for all that you have done with and for CWOC. We will miss you and hope that you will stay in touch with us! Happiness and success to you in your new life in California! Next month we will have a speaker from Richmond (Lord willing!) to speak about the "Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy." These folks pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy around the clock for those who are sick and/or dying. We will

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discover how very important this is. The Lord is kind and merciful" - this is also the Mission of the Eucharistic Apostles-to let the world know of His tender Mercy, especially through His True Presence in the Holy Eucharist! Peace and Grace to all!—*Jackie Stutmann*

Last month we here in 29 Palms were lucky enough to have a visit from Catholic evangelist Ferdinand Roccanti. Jesus speaks to Ferdinand, and has allowed him to paint beautiful works of art. Ferdinand challenged us to seek Christ and follow Him. I asked myself what Christ would want me to do. I was hoping he would ask me to do something great. I could feed hungry children in Africa. I could build houses for the homeless. I could counsel the depressed. I could paint beautiful pictures of the Holy Family like Ferdinand. Sometimes our plans are not exactly God's plans for us. God does want me to feed hungry children. There is one in my kitchen right now. He's 19months old and wants a piece of cheese. God wants me to build a home. He is not asking me to build it for the homeless. He is asking me to build a home for my own family. I have not been not called to work on a crisis hotline, but the Lord does ask me to lend a willing ear to my neighbor who is having a hard day. My pictures of Christ and His family will not be on canvas or paper. Instead I am asked to paint a picture of Christ with my life. Today, I will paint my picture when I feed my son, when I strive to build a loving home, and when I listen to a friend in pain. *Laura Sneden*

Is Your MCCW Group Looking for Direction?

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for a one-day presentation at
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and resources to revitalize your
group and increase interest
among the women of your
Catholic Community.

See www.mccw-usa.org for more
information!

-- Book Beat --

Help yourself

Become peaceful. Find a space in your life to become available for the directions toward your happiness. When I make my life a place of clamor and noise, I become panicked in my need to find happiness. I will work at it harder and harder and make still more noise. When I live like this, I live life on a tilt, never fully here nor there, but always ready to run to my next important something. Someone could be standing in my face, delivering a telegram-from heaven, and I would be headed for the exit. Sometimes, when I am blindsided by the goodness of creation, I am totally surprised that I was even out of my own noise enough to get it. Which tells me that, in my noisy quest for what I need, I frequently don't hear the doorbell.

Wake-up calls from the universe are frequently delivered by butterflies.

Source. Sacred Hearts: *Daily Reflections for Divine Renegades*, by Sterling Thompson

-- Webmaster's Waves --

Well, I've not had any responses to my request to take over the webmaster duties and now it seems that I have some time on my hands so I will be updating the website. I know that I've been lax in keeping it up, so I will try to do better. I want to ask everyone to please go to the website and check the webpages for accuracy, and email me any changes. Chapel presidents need to view their individual pages and provide me any name changes, email addresses or anything else you want to see on your page. Area coordinators, please get with your chapels and insure that I have all members listed on your respective area webpages. Also, if you have any information concerning your upcoming conferences such as call to conference, registrations forms, etc., now is the time to get that stuff to me, don't wait till the last minute. National officers, I need your names and email addresses. A short bio and a picture would be nice also. You can visit the website at <http://www.mccw-usa.org> and my email address is webmaster@mccw-usa.org. I am also looking for pictures, news articles or anything else that is Catholic or military related that you feel is newsworthy to share with your sisters in Christ. *Marshall Madole*

-- Wartime Prayerbook --

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Available: April 1st

Recently, a friend sent us his only copy of *The Armor of God*, a sixty-year-old, pocket-sized prayer book, its

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scuffed leather cover worn from hard use in rough circumstances.

Written for soldiers by Msgr. Fulton Sheen in the darkest moments of World War II, this small prayer book has been proven in combat and hallowed by the suffering, prayers, and sacrifices of thousands of Catholic fighting men and women on ships, submarines, and aircraft, in fortresses and foxholes, and even in hellish prisoner of war camps across Europe and the Pacific.

Peacetime led those soldiers and sailors to put aside this powerful wartime prayer book as they entered a world rendered more secure because of their sacrifices.

New enemies have shattered the security those good soldiers won sixty years ago. Terrorism now takes as its battlefield our homes, our schools, and our workplaces, threatening even those of us who are not in the military.

Duct tape may protect us from chemical and biological weapons, but it surely won't protect us from the corrosive, soul-destroying impact of fear, anger, uncertainty, and despair, which daily life on this battlefield is causing already.

Now is the time to draft *The Armor of God* back into Gods service.

We are publishing it April 1st as *Fulton Sheens Wartime Prayer Book*, in a pocket-sized leatherette edition similar to the original that you can carry with you in your car or on the subway, and that soldiers and sailors can carry in their uniforms as they face the enemy.

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-- Something to Contemplate --

<http://www.catholicity.com/commentary/macfarlane/givinggod20.html>

This above website is from Catholicity and written by Bud McFarlane. It is titled Giving God Twenty: How to Start A Real Prayer Life

When Jackie Stutmann sent me this link I went and read it. It really hit home so much that I decided that we needed to share it with all of you so that the rest of lent could maybe become even more prayerful.

-- Prayer Requests --

Let us Pray

- ? For all those teenagers who are alienated from their families.
- ? For Donna B, as she undergoes surgery.

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- ? For repose of the soul of Lydia B., Alba T's mother-in-law.
- ? For all members of MCCW and NCCW.
- ? For all the unborn children and their parents
- ? For the continued health of Cassidy W, in her struggle with ALL.
- ? For Melanie, that she has a safe pregnancy (she is at high risk).
- ? For Rich D., Lorna S., Marion P., Sheila B., Bill T., Jodi A., Dan B., Phillis, and Wayne M. who are fighting a battle against cancer.
- ? For Debbie B., Abigail G. and all others who are in remission from cancer.
- ? For Jackie S. and Tiger G., may God grant them a safe delivery of their babies.
- ? For all of our deployed priests and troops, that God will protect them and give them strength in the days ahead.
- ? For all military families in this time of uncertainty and stress.
- ? For thanksgiving for the on-going recovery of Lisa F. who was at death's door in an automobile accident.

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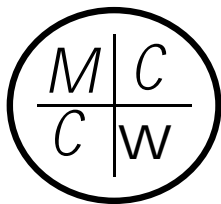
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-- Parting Thought --

"If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it."



MCCW: Journey of Faith

A Travel Training Program

MCCW: Journey of Faith is a new program designed to bring MCCW ideas, information and resources directly to its members through a one-day session presented by trained volunteers at host chapel communities in order to initiate and strengthen Catholic women's groups at that community.

Would you like to become a Trainer?

Based on the response we get from this invitation, a Train-the-Trainer workshop could be presented at your 2003 Area Conference.

What's involved in being Trainer?

The ideal MCCW: Journey of Faith Trainer is:

- a Catholic woman, associated with the military, with a strong faith in God.
- an experienced MCCW member with an enthusiasm for MCCW's purpose, goals and potential.
- an effective communicator, both in person and via e-mail/regular mail/phone
- willing to travel to approximately two military installations in the next year to present MCCW: Journey of Faith.

What expenses are involved for Trainers? ***(Besides the time at Area Conference for Training)***

MCCW: Journey of Faith Trainers' major expenses are in time and energy. Airfare and materials are provided by MCCW-USA. Incidental expenses are reimbursable. Host families at the installation being visited are responsible for ground transportation, lodging and meals.

Sounds good, now what?

Please let your Area Coordinator know **today** via e-mail or telephone that you are interested in becoming a trainer for MCCW: Journey of Faith. If there's enough interested, we may offer training at your Area Conference.

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[Please note that becoming a Trainer involves applying and being selected. Indicating your interest on this Area Conference Registration form is not a commitment to become a trainer, nor a promise of selection. For more information on MCCW: Journey of Faith, see www.mccw-usa.org or e-mail Carol Fountain at wfountain@cox.net.]